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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **IMPROVED BARBECUE SAUCE AND PROCESS FOR MAKING SAME** described and claimed in the attached specification.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUE (37CFR 1.9) (C) AND 1.27 (B) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

I hereby declare that I qualify as independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled **IMPROVED BARBECUE SAUCE AND PROCESS FOR MAKING SAME** filed herewith by inventor **NAOMI H. LINCOLN** described in application and specification attached herewith Serial No. filed _____, 2001.

I hereby declare that I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not likewise be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

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I acknowledge the duty to file in this application or patent, notification of any change of status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the fee on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28 (b))

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